

Many of us were against the FCC changes that allowed for media consolidation. We were told that broadcaster's had rules they had to follow to keep them from abusing the public airwaves that they are licensed to use. Now I am told about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Please stop Sinclair from trying to affect the election this November. If this blatant breaking of the rules is not stopped, then I ask that you reject their license renewal at the renewal time. No size fine can make up for a tainted presidential election. In fact, a fine would just become the 'price' of fixing the election and could be repeated in years to come.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.